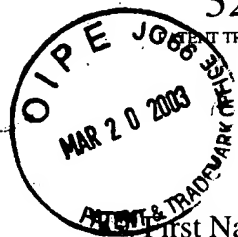




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This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed December 18, 2002, in the above-identified application. This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. If any extension of time is required to consider this response, such extension is hereby requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 8, please replace the following paragraph starting on line 10 and ending on line 11:

A1 Other useful methods of templating particles are described in, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 5,264,203 and WO 99/37705, and incorporated herein.

A version marked up to show changes made to the specification relative to the previous version of the specification is attached.